

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of July 31-August 4, 2006**

1. **Lights on Lee (Ward 4):** Lee Avenue decorative streetlights were repaired on Wednesday. *(Public Works)*
2. **Lights at the Carriage House (Ward 1):** Security lights at the Carriage House were adjusted this week after report that lights in rear of building were staying on at night. *(Public Works)*
3. **Tree Removal (Citywide):** Adirondack Tree Service has just completed the removal of 9 dead or hazardous trees in various locations (7111, 7231, 7309 Garland Ave, 8300, 8308 Eastridge Ave, Maple Ave at Ritchie Ave., Old Philadelphia, Upper Portal Park), deadwood was removed from numerous other trees in the area. Six (6) additional tree removals are scheduled within 2 weeks (38 Philadelphia, 6710 Poplar, Carroll Ave at the City parking lot, 8500 Flower Ave, 7500 Piney Branch Rd.) *(Public Works)*
4. **Tree Planting (Citywide):** Earlier in the summer, the former arborist had arranged for the planting of 7 trees at Forest Park, 4 trees at Prince Georges Park, 9 trees in the 600 block of Elm Ave, 3 trees in the 7300 block of Takoma Ave, 6 trees in the 7700 block of Takoma Ave, 7 trees at the municipal building, 3 trees in the 7300 block of Baltimore Ave, 2 trees at 7302 Hilton Ave, additionally 1 tree was planted at the following addresses: 7 Hickory, 7210 Willow, 415 Elm Ave, 7219 Garland Ave, Park Ave. This fall, the Department will be planting over 42 additional trees in the right of way. *(Public Works)*
5. **Successful Summer Camp:** Summer Camp just finished its sixth week of activities. This week in Creative Adventures and Recess camp, science was the theme. Mad Science wowed the campers with the mystery of optical illusions, Jack Shue from NASA had the kids used their five senses to solve a science problem, and "That Yo Yo" guys amazed everyone with his Yo Yo tricks while they learned about centrifugal forces. Extreme Horizons beat the heat this week with white water rafting, Dave and Busters and the movies. They are rounding out their week by heading out to Kings Dominion. *(Recreation)*
6. **Recruiting:** Thirteen candidates attended the testing for Communications Dispatch on July 29. Of these 12 were tested after reviewing the certificate of employability and nine passed. They are scheduled for oral interviews next week. A three-member team attended a job fair for seasonal police officers in Ocean City on Thursday, meeting with 13 potential candidates for police officer positions. *(Police)*
7. **Beating the Heat:** COP Team member Cpl. Tina Smith patrolled in the city distributing cold water on Tuesday, reminding residents of the importance of hydration during the heat wave. Appreciation is expressed to the Cedar Avenue 7-11 for its donation of ice for this task. *(Police)*

8. **Good Police Work:** A routine investigative stop by Sgt. Mark Hammond led to a major Washington-area story this week regarding a bus driver and volunteer football coach who is alleged to be involved in juvenile prostitution and marijuana distribution. Sgt. Hammond approached the occupied vehicle in a parking lot in the 7600 block of Maple Avenue. After interviews based on his concern regarding the involved woman, a female juvenile was brought to the station for further interviews. Due to subsequent information, additional agencies were brought into the investigation including county, federal and DC agencies. *(Police)*

9. **Officers in Meetings:** COP and CID officers attended the HEAT team meeting in CSAFE this week, and a joint roll call for officers from the City and two counties is planned for Friday. Sgt. Gilbert participated in a ride-along with Parole and Probation, making 14 home visits including nine in the City. *(Police)*

10. **Police Schedules:** Capt. Coursey will be on leave for the next week; Lt. Richard Cipperly will be acting Chief of Police. Changeover for patrol squads takes place this weekend with Squads 1 and 3 (Sgt. Bowers and Frishkorn) on the night shift and Squads 2 and 4 (Sgt. Hammond and Skibicki) on the day shift (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), which should be considered when trying to reach officers. This schedule will last through Sept. 17, 2006. *(Police)*

11. **National Night Out:** Chief Coursey and City Manager Barb Matthews visited all three National Night Out activities on Tuesday evening, Aug. 1. The events on Maple Avenue and on New Hampshire Avenue each had more than a hundred residents come together to enjoy refreshments and music while receiving crime prevention information. The COP team worked with the Maple Avenue Resident Managers group on the W Sector event; residents, including Councilmember and Mrs. Seamens, provided substantial assistance. Organization of the New Hampshire event in X Sector was spearheaded by the Maryland International Corridor CSAFE Initiative, with substantial contributions by businesses in that area. The Public Works Department did an outstanding job supporting these two events. The NNO at Carroll and Laurel was a smaller but effective event, with WACO Citizen Patrol members providing information to pedestrians in that busy location and Summer Delight offering discounted ice cream. The Ishmaster Band and the Postive Vibrations Reggae Band played (with no charge) at the X and W Sector events, respectively. *(Police)*

12. **Main Street Takoma Parking Initiative (Wards 1, 3):** Housing and Community Development Staff met with the Main Street Takoma Economic Restructuring Committee and a County official to explore short and long term options for parking in the Main Street Takoma Area. Staff will be working with Main Street Takoma and the County to develop programmatic, capital, and legislative options. *(Housing and Community Development)*